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1. As of 14 June forces of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) totaled 150,000 men, including guerrillas and armed civilians. From mid-May to mid-June, DRV forces in Northern Indochina have been suffering from food shortages and malaria and other diseases. Because of the lack of medical care and medicines, the death rate has been high. During a week in June, over 2,500 piculs of rice were shipped to Northern Indochina from Nanning. Five hundred boxes of medicine have also been sent to Northern Indochina.
2. In early June 6,000 DRV troops in 10 battalions were in the garrison area of the Communist 13 Army at K'aiyuan (103-14, 23-42), Mengtzu (103-23, 23-20), and P'ingp'ien (103-40, 22-54). The Yunnan Military District Command has been training and equipping these troops. Among the 10 battalions are two 60 mm gun and two rocket gun battalions. After training, these troops will be distributed to infantry units for actual fighting.¹
3. In February the DRV troop command appointed 1,200 young officers for special training at the former Nanning Military Academy near the Nanning Airfield. In early June training was being conducted under Major General YU Shao-shan (于少山); the six months training will be completed in August. All funds for the school are supplied by the Chinese Communists.
4. In early June a Communist mechanized regiment, equipped with 24 light tanks and 16 armored cars, arrived at Ningming (107-07, 22-09). A maintenance factory of the regiment is at K'ueit'anghsiang (奎塘乡), Ningming area, and a repair shop is in the woods near the district administrative office. Many light tanks have been observed patrolling the Nanning-Lungchou highway.
5. Between 1-15 June military vehicles transported food supplies from Paise to Yunnan. It is believed that these supplies for the 13 Army are coming from the Kwangsi Military District Command.
6. In April a parking area one mile square was constructed at T'ienhsi (106-05, 24-26), the crossroads between Indochina and Chinghsi and between Yunnan and Paise. Two hundred trucks and a repair shop with 200 automobile mechanics are at the parking lot.²

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1. [] Comment. [] 7,000 DRV troops were being trained and equipped by the Yunnan District Command in K'aiyuan, Hongtzu, and Pingpien. These troops had arrived in China in late December and were to return to Vietnam in mid-June.

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2. [] Comment. A previous report stated that a surfaced parking lot and six repair shops were to be built at T'ientung (107-06, 23-37).

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